

## Women Lost \$700,000 in Stock Frauds

Eleven Victims, Including Ex-Army Man, Tell of 'Domino Club' Lure by Lindsey to Obtain Cash

## Widow Swindled Out of \$250,000

Broker "Wanted to Help Women"; Juggled With Noted Financier's Names

Nine society women, a retired actress and a graduate of West Point will appear before the grand jury Monday morning to tell of how Alfred E. Lindsey, of South Nyack, N. Y., disappeared after obtaining from them more than \$700,000 to invest in the pool of the "Domino Club," a fictitious organization said by Lindsey to have been conducted by such men as Percy Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan, James A. Hillman, Thomas W. Lamont and George F. Baker.

Assistant District Attorney Richard Murphy announced yesterday the names of Lindsey's alleged victims. Chief among them, as already told in The Tribune, is Mrs. Lillian N. Duke, of 21 West Forty-seventh Street, divorced wife of James B. Duke, the "Tobacco King," who accuses Lindsey of stealing her of her entire fortune of \$250,000 in cash and \$50,000 in jewelry.

Other names as made public by Mr. Murphy were:

Mrs. Carlotta Nilsson, a retired actress, living at the Hotel Buckingham, who lost \$20,000.

Mrs. W. H. Arnold, a widow, of 183 West Seventy-fourth Street, who lost \$30,000 and has an attachment on Lindsey's personal property at South Nyack.

Mrs. Joseph I. Cornell, of Bayville, L. I., mother of a crippled son, who turned over to Lindsey the proceeds of her husband's estate, a policy covering her husband's life.

Mrs. Helen Smith, of Stamford, Conn., who did not disclose to the District Attorney the amount she gave to Lindsey.

Mrs. Catherine Adams, of 11 East Sixty-third Street, who lost \$40,000.

Cash Returned to Major

Major Redondo Sutton, a graduate of West Point in the class of '13, now president of the Pacific Mining and Commercial Company in East Los Angeles, gave Lindsey \$5,000, which was later returned when the District Attorney learned of the fraud.

Mrs. Atwood, who is the widow of an Army mining and chemical engineer who died in Mexico several years ago, lost \$20,000 to Lindsey.

Mrs. Atwood said she gave \$200,000 in cash obtained from the sale of securities, which included stock in the Sora Food Company, Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Co., and American Steel and Wire Co., and had listed all her losses and gains on a statement to the District Attorney.

Mrs. Atwood said she met Lindsey through an introduction by Mrs. Duke, who had turned her affairs over to the broker.

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## Women Stir Mob to Storm Rectory Against New Priest

Demonstration Against Change in Pastors Starts in Church; Thousands Join Rioters in Street; Police Save Ill Minister After Resisting Attack

Five elderly women parishioners of the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mercy, 131st Street and Morris Avenue, in the Bronx, created a disturbance during a meeting there last night which culminated in a riot and resulted in a street gathering numbering several thousand persons. Rioters were summoned to restore order.

The trouble arose over transference of the church's former pastor to another charge in Brooklyn. The Rev. Father Francis Oppel, for many years pastor of the congregation, which is made up largely of Italian-Americans, was ordered by the head of the Franciscan Order to take over a Brooklyn parish.

The Rev. Father James Morighi, who was assigned to the church of Our Lady of Mercy, was the target of the demonstration.

After some one had made a short address denouncing the order removing Father Oppel a movement was started toward the rectory, now occupied by Father Morighi. Those leading the mob

carried a battering ram. Threats were made to wreck the door of the priest's house. Mobs of all sorts were thrown. Bottles and paving stones crashed against the heavy oak door of the rectory. Hundreds of shouting men and women surrounded the place, demanding that the priest emerge so that they might deal with him.

The disturbance began in the church vestibule, when several elderly women members of the congregation began a sort of dirge in Italian which appeared to infuriate the crowd both within and without the edifice. Shouts of the demonstrators could be heard more than a block away.

A crowd gathered with great rapidity. When Father Oppel arrived from Morrisania police station, under Sergeant Spears and Rosner, mob leaders were endeavoring to incite an attack on the rectory.

As the rioters rushed up they were assailed with a volley of kitchen utensils, rocks and bottles.

Two charges were made by the rioters, but they were repulsed. Police officers were summoned from two nearby precincts.

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## Reform Code For Building Trades Signed

Spokesmen for 100,000 Union Bricklayers, Plasterers and Masons Agree With U. S. Prosecutors

Modified Brandegee Plan Submitted to Committee on Foreign Relations as Harding Gives Approval

Binding Decree To Be Filed in Court

Ends Limit on Production, Favoritism and Abuses Delaying Housing Aid

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Progress toward winning clean all the evil practices existing in all branches of the building trades and the housing situation generally was made today at a conference between Attorney General Cummings, United States Attorney William Hayward, and New York, and other representatives of the government and the industry involved.

The result of the meeting is the execution of the International Organization of Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers, which embraces all the local unions, taking in a membership of more than 100,000, signed a consent to the entire of a court decree affecting the entire national organization and all its local unions.

Basic Principles Adopted

The decree, to be entered in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, today and adopted four basic principles:

1. There is to be no limit upon the right of the employer to purchase his materials wherever and whenever, from whomsoever he may choose, whether the materials be union-made or otherwise.

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3. There is to be no favoritism shown by organized labor toward employers or trade associations or contractors' associations.

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## Bonus Bill Framers Turn Down Sales Tax; Won't Offer Any Revenue Plan

72 Per Cent. Majority Against Cash Bonus in U. S. Commerce Ballot

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—A referendum vote among members of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States upon the proposal that a cash bonus be given former service men resulted in a 72 per cent majority against the suggestion, it was announced today. The Chamber has gone on record twice before as opposed to the cash bonus.

A two-thirds vote of the membership is necessary to bind the Chamber, Mr. Goodwin explained. He announced the following results of votes taken at the same time with that on the bonus:

Upon the suggestion that a national system of reclamation be initiated through adequate Federal appropriations for affording former service men opportunity to cultivate the soil: For, 1,243; against, 452. Carried.

Favoring national legislation and appropriations to enable former service men to build homes: For, 1,022; against, 658. No decision.

Favoring national legislation and appropriations to enable former service men to obtain vocational education: For, 1,378; against, 318. Carried.

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House Sub-Committee, by 7 to 2, Rejects Proposal for Levy; Agrees to Delay Report to Tuesday

Agricultural Bloc Is Behind Action

Status of Legislation Confused; Harding Holds Up Reply to MacNider

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The entire bonus question was thrown into fresh confusion and all expectations upset by action taken today behind the locked doors of the House Ways and Means Committee, which showed a majority of the members against any form of sales tax and in favor of presenting the soldier bonus bill to Congress without any revenue provisions.

Completely reversing every previous indication, a vote, forced suddenly this morning in the subcommittee, headed by Chairman Fordney, which has been wrestling with the problem, showed seven members against the sales tax in any form and two for it.

A second vote on a motion to send the bill to the full committee without any method of raising the money was adopted, 5 to 4.

Further Action Unlikely

At a hastily called meeting this afternoon of the full Republican membership of the Ways and Means Committee members not on the subcommittee of nine pleaded for time in which to consider the new problems presented with the new turn, and it was agreed to postpone action until next Thursday. However, unless there is another general flopping movement, it is believed, in view of the decisive vote taken against the sales tax and the fact that all other sources have been frowned upon by the President, any action next week will be but a formality.

The outlook to-night, as glimpsed down by this new development, is that the bonus bill will be sent to the House within the next two weeks without recommendations as to the best method of raising the money. An overwhelming majority of the House demand enactment of bonus legislation at this session of Congress. That is declared to be the only thing that is in any way certain.

Hear From Farm Bloc

The general idea is that a companion bill, asking for payments on the general Treasury fund or possibly passing the problem to Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, by giving him authority to draw the money from the best source available, is necessary. Limitations will be reported. At the same time it is admitted that such a course will find few supporters in the House and that it will give free rein to the "farm bloc" and the "short-term Treasury certificates" and those who demand revival of the excess profits tax. At best there is no room for doubt that the problem has been tumbled into great confusion, if only because of the formal admission by the committee that it has failed to find a lead and because of recent confusion caused by the fact that President Harding will be firm in his demand that the bill specify where the money is to come from when it is sent to him for his signature.

It was reported when the result of the vote on the sales tax in the subcommittee was learned that the unexpected opposition to that means of revenue directly followed a visit of certain members of the agricultural group, which has been waiting an intense anti-sales tax campaign, to Chairman Fordney and others of the committee, based on the statement that the meeting between them, the committee was shown exactly the strength of the forces aligned with the Westerners and that the real "show down" on the sales tax was at hand.

How Committee Voted

Those of the subcommittee who voted against the sales tax were said to be Chairman Fordney, Representatives Copley, of Illinois; Chandler, of Oklahoma; Tamm, of Wisconsin; Timberlake, of Colorado; and Watson, of Pennsylvania. Only Representatives Longworth, of Ohio, and Isaac Bachman, of New Jersey, voted for the motion which proposed the tax.

The five who are credited with causing the adoption of a motion calling for a favorable report on the bonus bill, which would provide for the revenue provisions, are Representatives Fordney, Chandler, Copley, Timberlake and Copley. Another motion striking out all of the bonus bill except the revenue provisions was lost by a vote of 8 to 2.

It was made clear at the White House today that the President has not yet replied to the telegram from Hanford MacNider, national commander of the Legion House several days ago, and in it MacNider demanded that soldier bonus legislation be passed at once.

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## Reservation To Bar Force Is Agreed On

Modified Brandegee Plan Submitted to Committee on Foreign Relations as Harding Gives Approval

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Difficulties in the way of the four-power treaty in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee were largely cleared up today, and the way was paved for a quick report on this agreement. At a conference between President Harding and Senator Brandegee a reservation to the treaty was agreed upon, which later was submitted to the committee by Senator Brandegee and probably will have the support of a majority. The committee did not yet finally agree to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow and vote on the treaty and all pending reservations. At that meeting the treaty with the modified Brandegee reservation probably will be ordered reported.

Indications are that if this is done favorable reports on the remaining treaties soon will be ordered by the committee. From this time forth the chief controversy over the treaties will be in the Senate itself. No move has been made to call Secretary Hughes before the committee, and evidently he will not be called until he ends his vacation. The committee may call him after the treaties are reported, to discuss any phase of them if it sees fit.

Senator Brandegee, on his return to Washington, said that he will insist on this, but in his absence no other Senator is indicating he will make the request.

Satisfactory to Harding

The fact that the President and a majority of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee are in practical agreement on a reservation to the four-power treaty will serve to confine the opposition to the treaty to a small group of Republicans and about half the Democrats. Together they will make up much less than a third of the Senate.

When the modified Brandegee reservation was laid before the committee, Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, opposed it.

Johnson for Original Reservation

"The original Brandegee reservation," he said, "contained two distinct propositions. It was a demand for the United States to give up its right to use armed force, no alliance, no obligation to join in defense."

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## Nurse Mixes Up Babies; Mothers Overlook Error

Asstute Father of Boy Discovers He's Got a Girl. Hustles Back and Gets It Changed

A blunder by a nurse taking a post-graduate course at the Newark City Hospital resulted in two babies, a boy and a girl, being mixed and taken home by their mothers, each ignorant that the babies were being mixed.

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## Armed Raiders Seize \$100,000 Moonshine Plant in Jersey

Federal agents arraigned before United States Commissioner John M. Emery in Newark yesterday men alleged to be the three principal operators of the biggest moonshine still ever uncovered outside the Kentucky mountain district. It was concealed in an almost inaccessible spot two miles from Pine Brook, N. J.

The alleged moonshiners were arrested in a spectacular early morning raid conducted by a government posse heavily armed and supported by a posse in reserve, which was under orders to deliver a second attack in case those engaged in the initial advance were killed or captured. Eight stills of 250 gallons capacity each and 3,000 gallons of prepared mash, 200 gallons of distilled product and 4,000 pounds of sugar were seized.

Pre